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City rejects re-zoning, industrial facilities

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A proposal to re-zone a parcel of land to allow the construction of three industrial buildings at Eureka Road and Huron River Drive was met with disdain at the Romulus City Council meeting last night.

Citing concerns about traffic, public safety and the suitability of the plan presented by Wellington Springfield, a developer that requested the parcel be rezoned from light to heavy industrial to accommodate the industrial facilities, council members voted 7-0 to reject the re-zoning application.

The project represents about a \$55 million investment in the city and would have created about 350 jobs, said Tim Stoker of Wellington Springfield.

"We feel this project is consistent with what's already in the area and may not be suitable for residential development," Stoker

said. "There have been several variances approved by the city for industrial facilities in areas that were not zoned for them."

Part of the land is zoned for light industrial. But the facilities Stoker proposed meet the definition of heavy industrial. Manufacturing of parts and storage for just-in-time delivery to automakers would take place on the site under the plan, Stoker said.

That – said council members – would constitute increased traffic along Eureka and Huron River as well as other adjacent streets.

"It's a huge public safety issue," said Mayor Alan Lambert. "I've seen people backed up for about a half hour there, and what if someone needs an emergency vehicle? There's already a lot of truck traffic there – we don't need more."

The project would also not be in line with the revised city master plan, which does not call for heavy industrial development in the

area.

Stoker, who has development projects in the city, said the project would benefit the city in terms of improving the tax base and providing jobs – but some council members were not swayed.

"I know this will bring jobs, but is there any guarantee that Romulus residents will get those jobs?" asked Councilman Harry Crout.

Councilman Leroy Burcroff said the city is not opposed to the project ideologically, but did say the location was not ideal.

"I don't think any of us would say, 'We don't want Wellington Springfield here in Romulus,'" he said. This project might be better suited for another piece of land."

The planning commissioners, before they voted against the request, scheduled a public hearing to solicit input from residents. Nine residents stepped forward at that time with concerns about noise and traffic.

Council OK's site plan for condos

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

It's got a new name, and city officials still think it's a good concept.

Andover Park – a 49-condominium "cluster" development formerly known as Wellesley Park – received final site plan approval by a unanimous vote of city council members Monday night. The approval gives the go-ahead for Franklin Properties to move ahead with building the condos on a 33-acre parcel of land on Ecorse Road, east of Wayne Road.

"I think (the plan) is a very attractive, and this is the kind of project we want to see in Romulus," said Councilman Leroy Burcroff. "They did a good job of preserving green space and working with the surrounding wetlands."

Karen Stutzman, a representative for developer and builder Franklin Properties, said she was glad the city was able to come to an agreement, and that construction would begin as soon as the proper permits were obtained.

"We're going to start the permit process immediately, and we could break ground this year, but I think the more likely scenario is next spring," she said.

In January, Andrew Milia, the owner of Franklin Properties, came before the council to ask for

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Reliving homecoming

Romulus High School decided to revisit its homecoming season with the exact opposite: A "coming home" event. Last week, students gathered around the "coming home" court for a dance at the school. Here, coming home king and queen Darius Osborn and Christina Gillespie (center) were joined by court members (left to right) Noah Sanchez, Anisa Rakic, Kevin Stobbe, Antionice Hearst and Tiffani Cannon outside the school gym.

Bowlers turn out for animal shelter

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Another event to help generate funds for the new city animal shelter will take place at the Romulus Lanes bowling alley next month.

The "pin tournament" will take place at 1 p.m. on April 29. It was organized by Councilman William Wadsworth – the driving force behind the all-volunteer effort to build a new shelter.

"It's going to be a lot of fun, and it's for a great cause," he said.

The event is typical of a bowling tournament. Prizes will be awarded to the bowlers with the highest scores. Raffles take place

throughout the tournament, and bowlers will have an opportunity to win a jackpot.

The bowling tournament is an annual event that has turned into a moneymaker for the shelter fund. However, it is only one of several community events put on by business people, students and non-profit groups to help replace the battered shelter at the corner of Wayne and Goddard roads.

During the continual fundraising drive, Wadsworth and other volunteers have collected about \$65,000 for the new shelter. About \$300,000 is needed to complete a new facility. Wadsworth said many local contractors and other businesses have expressed interest in donating their time and

skills to the project as well.

Mayor Alan Lambert said the city is working with the Tax Increment Financing Authority (TIFA) board to devise a plan for a new shelter that is affordable, and that an announcement regarding a shelter will be made sometime this spring.

Currently, the shelter takes in about 1,200 stray and lost animals per year.

Registration for the bowling tournament is required, and the cost is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple. Romulus Lanes is located at 37452 Huron River Dr. near Five Points. To reserve a spot, call Wadsworth at (734) 941-0616, or the bowling alley at (734) 941-6200.



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Van Buren Township fire chief resigns post

Andrea King
Staff Writer

Al Smolen, former fire chief and deputy director of public safety for Van Buren Township, has resigned.

Smolen said that after more than 14 years with Van Buren Township, he was ready to pursue new opportunities. His last official day was Feb. 24.

"I'm obviously very emotionally mixed because I'll miss the people I worked with," he said. "I'll also miss the excitement, but I won't miss the stress and the demand of the job. It's very demanding and requires a lot of work."

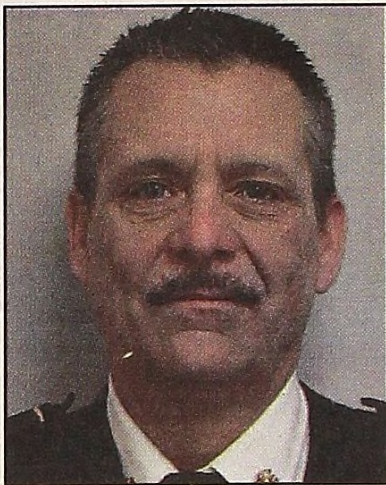
"It was something I've been

thinking about and after several years of being a firefighter, it's time to pursue other things," Smolen added.

He started in the fire fighting field 29 years ago. After he was hired for a position at the Van Buren Township Fire Department, he not only made the area his new home, but he also became the first full-time fire chief in the department.

During his tenure, Smolen has helped to create a highly qualified and professional fire department by improving equipment, trucks and the level of service. He has also been a part of two new fire stations on the way, he said.

According to Gerry



Former Fire Chief Al Smolen

Champagne, director of public safety for Van Buren Township, Smolen did not leave on bad terms.

"He resigned and it was a mutual agreement between both parties (the township and Smolen)," said Champagne.

Champagne also said the department will be posting a job position for a new fire chief, but it is unclear when at this time.

"It could be for both fire chief and deputy director of public safety, but not necessarily. It depends on the candidate's qualifications," said Champagne.

Recently, the Van Buren Township Fire Department was involved in an arbitration filed by the Michigan Association of Fire Fighters (MAFF) for grievances against the township. The case involves union contract violations, unfair labor practices and

terminations, according to MAFF.

Both Champagne and Smolen said the arbitration had nothing to do with the resignation.

"I'm not leaving on bad terms and I'll always have a fond place in my heart for the people I worked with," said Smolen. "Twenty nine years is a long-time. This was a positive thing. I enjoyed my job, but now I'm very much looking forward to the future."

Now, Smolen said, he plans to pursue teaching in the fire-fighting field for both area colleges as well as training agencies.

"Besides that I just want to keep busy and find something less stressful," he said.

Students plan annual telethon

Students of Belleville High School have already started plans for the third "Tigerthon" telethon from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on April 8. The live telecast on Channel 19 will feature many programs, area entertainment and area businesses, as well.

Now, students are hoping that community businesses will sponsor various portions of the 12-hour show, which will be divided into 30 minute and 1 hour blocks. Each hour of programming will have a theme

like local businesses or clubs and organizations and will feature specially produced programs and interviews about the topic.

Channel 19 students are also looking for local groups to serve as entertainment and for donations for a televised auction. Organizations are encouraged to volunteer to appear in short segments and tell the community what kinds of activities they feature.

Students created the

telethon as a day to celebrate area arts, schools, organizations and businesses. They intend to keep the Tigerthon an annual video festival of the community, according to Steve Wilson, station director for the high school.

Anyone who is interested in sponsorship, entertainment, making a donation for the auction during the telethon or being a guest on the show, contact Wilson at (734) 697-9133 or email: swilson@vanburen-school.net.

2 face robbery charge

Two suspects accused of a home invasion in Belleville were arraigned last Saturday.

According to Sgt. Bob Dawson of the Belleville Police Department, the two women who are in their mid 30-40s, were caught at about 9 p.m. on March 2 breaking into an apartment at the Tuscan Manor complex in Belleville.

Dawson said the apartment resident went upstairs to do laundry and left the door unlocked. That's when the two suspects made their move, according to police. One suspect distracted

the resident while the other went inside the apartment. The suspect then took cash and an ATM card from the residence, police said.

Police said the suspects then attempted to use the ATM card. It did not work so the suspects left.

"At the same time the victim's husband happened to be in the mini-mart. He told the owner of the store what had happened and found out that the suspects were just in the store."

They will now await a preliminary hearing on March 16 at the 34th District Court in Romulus.

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Bill would require health benefits for some employees

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

Some companies employing more than 10,000 workers are placing an undue burden on their employees and the beleaguered state Medicaid system by not offering them sufficient and affordable health insurance, according to bill introduced by State Sen. Ray Basham.

Dubbed the "Deadbeat Boss" bill, the proposed legislation is part of an effort by the United Food and Commercial Workers to push businesses with more than 10,000 employees to either provide more comprehensive health insurance at an affordable cost, or reimburse the state for Medicaid related expenses.

The effort is part of the union's nationwide effort to force the hand of WalMart Corp., the largest civilian employer in the

United States, to insure more of the workforce. A report released by the union called America Pays indicated that Michigan taxpayers may have paid \$23 million to provide publicly-subsidized health care benefits to company workers.

According to supporters of the bill, when workers at these companies become seriously ill, they rely on state provided Medicaid assistance to pay for medical bills because they can't afford to pay for company-provided insurance.

Basham said that amounts to corporate welfare because every citizen pays for Medicaid.

"Our Medicaid system was never meant to be a free health care program for corporations who want to maximize profits by denying health care to their workers," said Basham. "Taxpayers have every right to feel outraged that they are being forced to subsidize some of the

most highly profitable companies in the world."

Specifically, the bill would require that companies that employ more than 10,000 workers invest at least 8 percent of the payroll cost into health care coverage for employees. Employers who refuse will be required to reimburse the state for the difference. Those revenues would be placed in a "Fair Share Health Care Fund," to reimburse taxpayers.

In western Wayne County, WalMart operates two superstores, each of which employs about 200 workers. Those stores are located in Canton Township on Ford Road and in Van Buren Township on Belleville Road.

Statistics provided by the Department of Human Services indicate that of the 18 Michigan employers with more than 10,000 or more workers, only four have percentages of employees on Medicaid

in the double digits. Basham said that neither the state nor the federal government would release the names of those companies to him.

Basham said Michigan taxpayers cannot bear the burden of paying for what employers used to view as an integral part of employee compensation.

"We have at least four large corporations in Michigan that refuse to take responsibility for the costs associated with providing health care to their workers," he said.

"With an already-strained state budget, the taxpayers of Michigan can no longer be expected to pick up the tab on what is just a cost of doing business."

A similar law was enacted in Maryland after Gov. Robert Erlich vetoed it. Bipartisan support for the bill spurred a 2/3 override of that veto, however.

The number of the bill is SB 734.



Valerie Yates, the organizer of the "Victory at the Venue" event, takes a break from planning the benefit at her Romulus home.

Concert will generate funds for cancer survivors

Molly Tippen
Staff Writer

A vivid dream led Romulus resident Valerie Yates to a doctor's office one afternoon late in 2002.

But Yates, a 46-year-old single mother of two, still couldn't believe it when her physician told her she had stage four breast cancer. Needless to say, the news upended her world.

"I had no family history of this, and I was pretty shocked," she said. "But once I had that dream, I just knew something was wrong with me."

What happened during the next four years – in addition to fighting for her survival – played out like bad dream. Her disease, which required regular chemotherapy sessions, seven surgeries and daily medications were not completely covered by Medicaid, leaving Yates thousands of dollars in debt.

"It's terrible being in debt and being sick at the same time," she said. "There are constant worries. You're always wondering how you're going to pay for necessities like food and household items."

Now cancer-free, Yates is now holding an event she hopes will

help other cancer survivors pay those bills not covered by their insurance. The "Victory at the Venue" concert will take place at the Venue bar in Dearborn and will benefit the Jessie Bernard Fund, which is part of Karmanos Cancer Institute "Friends Raising Funds" campaign.

The concert, scheduled for Friday, April 28, will feature five local bands. Music lovers will be able to enjoy great music for a donation to a good cause, said Yates.

"The Jessie Bernard Fund was set up to help people with their bills," she said. "People who receive treatment from Karmanos will be able to apply for some funds to help them pay for medication they need to recover."

Yates added that she hopes the concert will raise about \$3,500.

The five bands that have volunteered their time are Mind Candy, Soul Circus, 60-Second Crush, Ray Street Pak and Carnage. Jazz musician and poet Rudy DeSantis will also play a special set, and a speaker from Karmanos will also be on-hand to tell people more about how their donations will be used.

Maureen Bender, the director

of the Friends Raising Funds program at Karmanos, said events like Yates' are a powerful tool in ongoing fight against cancer.

"The friends program hosts about 120 events a year, and it brings in about \$700,000 to \$800,000 per year," she said. "It's a great way to create a buzz around cancer in that it keeps people informed. We allow every person or group that has an event or us to chose which fund they'd like to contribute to. Valerie (Yates) has strong feelings about people being able to pay their bills, so it makes sense this event would benefit the Jessie Bernard Fund."

Yates said she's hoping for a big turnout, and that she's impressed with the interest the management of the Venue, as well as the bands, showed in the concert.

"I was a little out of my element with this, but I was able to get a yes answer from so many people, and it makes you feel good," she said. "I'd like to do another event like this soon because helping others takes you out of yourself and your struggles."

For more information, call Yates at (734) 710-0077.

Word up Student heads to state competition

Scott Spielman
Editor

Sometimes, watching cartoons can pay off.

It may be Dylan Malkiewicz. The Wayne eighth grade student will head to Flint on March 20 to take part in the state level of the Reader's Digest Word Power competition.

"For some reason, I've always had an extended vocabulary," Malkiewicz said.

Malkiewicz, a student at Romulus Summit Academy, said he didn't build his vocabulary through traditional sources like books, newspapers or regular class studies. His inspiration was a bit more animated.

"I used to watch a lot of cartoons," he said. "Whenever someone said a word I didn't know, I'd look it up."

He gives a lot of credit to the three smart ones on The Simpsons – Lisa Simpson, Principal Skinner and Ed Flanders – as well as the show Ed, Edd and Eddie (Edd's the smart one.)

He learned about the competition at school and decided to take part with his classmates. He won the contest at the grade level and then the class level, opening the door to the state competition. In that, contestants are given a sentence with a word they are supposed to identify through a choice of potential synonyms. He'll be competing against the top 100 students in the state for a chance to go to the national com-

petition – which includes an expense paid trip to Orlando, FL. There, the stakes are a little higher: the winner of the national competition earns \$50,000 in scholarships.

Not bad for a guy who owes part of his success to Courage the Cowardly Dog.

In school, Malkiewicz is more inclined to physical education classes than English, he said. He's like that in his free time, too, preferring sports like racquetball, football, baseball and paintball to more passive recreation such as reading.

"He's always been very verbal," said his mother, Jennifer Youngblood, "but he doesn't read as much as I like."

Malkiewicz said he enjoys playing board and trivia games, too.

"I am the master of pointless knowledge," he said.

Malkiewicz said even if he wins, the scholarship probably wouldn't cover a complete college tuition by the time he will be old enough to attend. That's OK, because he said he may join the Army or Air Force with hopes of becoming a pilot.

For now, though, he said he'll concentrate on preparing for the competition – even if it means watching more cartoons. He said he hopes he'll be victorious there because the prospect of a Florida vacation is a good one – particularly the 'all expenses paid' part.

"I'll use that to its fullest extent," he said.

Project

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a special land use permit for the development. That request was granted after City Planner Cynthia Lyon and the planning commissioners negotiated the details of the project.

The special land use approval was required because the homes are in close proximity to wetlands.

The condos that will eventually be constructed on the site will be about 1,500 square feet in size, and will be priced from \$250,000 to \$300,000. To preserve the wetlands and to maintain a rural feel for the project, 56 percent of the available land will be green space, according to the current plan.

Council members asked the developer to change the name of the project because there is another subdivision with a similar name in the area.

OPINION

Public relations: 101

Since a busy election season is almost upon us, here's a lesson in public relations, 101.

This lesson comes courtesy of John Barden, a Romulus City Councilman and Wayne County appointee, but it could just as easily have happened to anyone.

On Jan. 16, Barden was arrested for suspicion of drunken driving when Wayne County Sheriff's deputies found him slumped over the wheel of his car, with the motor running.

Police reports indicated that, as Barden was escorted into a Wayne County Sheriff patrol car, he allegedly asked for professional courtesy, stating his political affiliations. He also told the officers he was disappointed that they didn't show him the proper respect. After the incident, he virtually dropped out of sight, didn't respond to calls from the media. He didn't attend the next Romulus City Council meeting, either.

Granted, an issue like this isn't easy to talk about. The nature of the incident is one that will spark outrage in most of us. But given his presence on the Romulus City Council, his status as an assistant to Wayne County Executive Bob Ficano and his relative prominence in the Romulus community – he is a member of the Department of Senior Citizens Services and Veterans Affairs and is well-known in the school district, where he often volunteers – that's exactly what he should have done.

Mistakes happen to everyone. It's how we respond to them that shows the content of our character. The longer the people have to wait for an explanation, excuse, apology or whatever, the more likely they'll be to meet it with skepticism. Ask vice-president Dick Cheney if he agrees. The simple fact is that silence breeds thoughts of conspiracies or government cover-ups they way a damp log breeds mushrooms.

What's the lesson here?

Get out in front of it. Confronting a problem will always yield better results than running from it. Admit your mistake, point out everything you've done for the community and promise that it will never happen again. In short, make a public, earnest apology. At the time Barden was dealing with several stressful issues – including a death in the family – that may have weighed on his admittedly wrong decision to drink and drive.

We're not making light of the situation – drunk driving is a serious issue – but the public is generally forgiving when it comes to one-time mistakes. After all, we're all adults here, even if we don't act like it all the time.

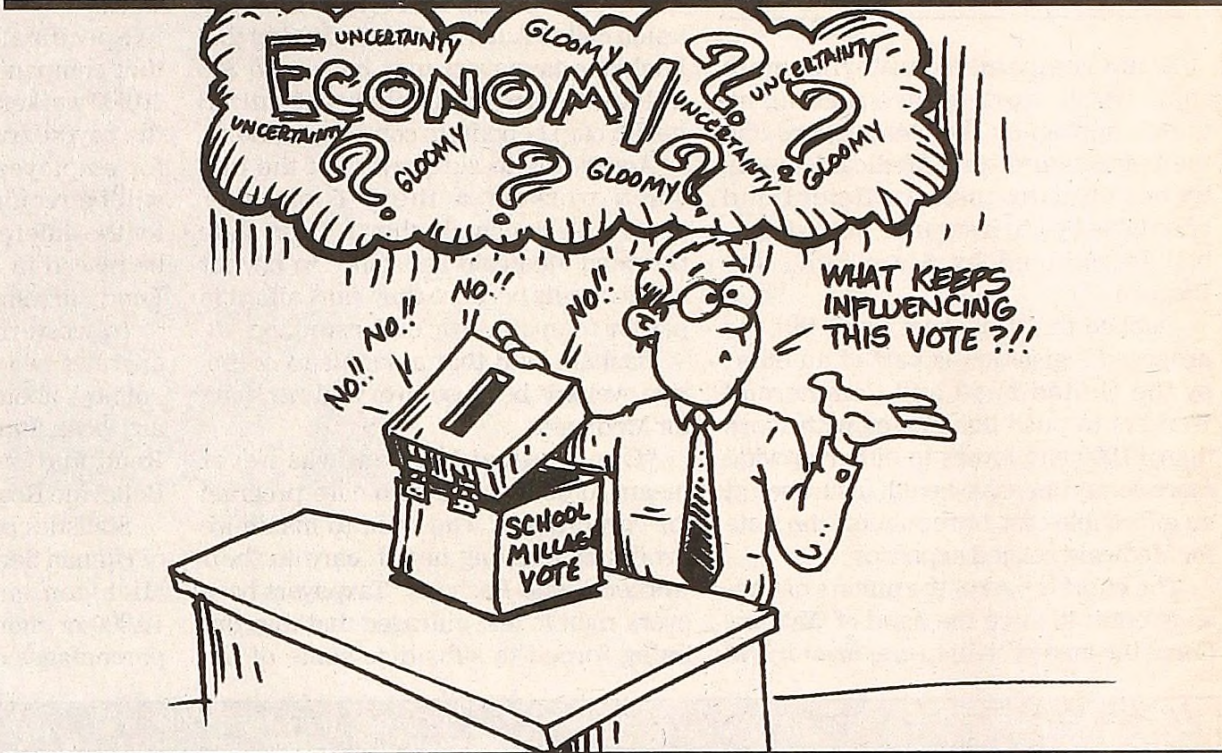
Wayne ordinance 'pays' off

A restriction on the number of check cashing or payday advance businesses in Wayne may seem like a small issue, but it could have a big impact on the city.

Regardless of the outcome, though, it shows that city officials are once again proactive in their efforts to reduce blight and control the types of firms that can open in the city.

For those that don't know, the city was able to add the businesses to the regulated use list, which means they have to follow the same procedure as bars and taverns and other less than desirable businesses like tattoo parlors, adult-oriented shops and massage parlors. They can't open one within 500 feet of another such use, which means they will be generally fewer and scattered throughout the city rather than concentrated in one area. They'll require approval from neighbors, if they're within 500 feet of a residential area and a variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals, too.

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Hey Lansing – remember Wayne?

Another election season is upon us and I can hardly wait.

There's a bit of sarcasm in there that comes from both my professional side and as a resident of the City of Wayne, where our state representative is term-limited out of office.

Wayne is located in the 20th House of Representatives district, for some reason, a portion of the district that connects to a sliver of Canton Township and then Northville and Plymouth, which make up the bulk of it. Anyone can see that it's easy for little old Wayne to be forgotten in such a Republican stronghold. It's virtually impossible for any Democrat to take the seat, regardless of how his or her Republican predecessor fared during their term.

No, the Republicans didn't do Wayne any favors when they redrew the districts after the last federal census and no doubt that was by design.

It's one of the things that frustrates me living in a city that was once the heart of western Wayne County.

I sit in the city council meetings, watching the council and administration draft resolutions in opposition of things that negatively impact the city and later read the form letters responses they received from the governor or senate or whomever they direct their correspondence to.

"Thanks for your input, let us know if we can be of any help," is essentially what most of them say.

A concerted effort from local and state officials

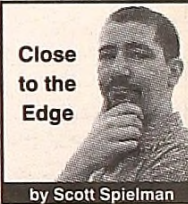
wasn't enough to keep the secretary of state office open, even though it makes more sense to expand and renovate an office on Michigan Avenue, with easy access and plenty of parking, than it did one in a cramped parking lot off Wayne Road in Westland.

There are other issues that have come up, too. It makes me wonder, what else do we have to do?

It also makes me wonder if the change in the legislature will benefit this heavily democratic community.

With no incumbent to unseat, the race should attract a wide base of candidates. Already there are three confirmed candidates and one potential one – all of whom live in Plymouth. Hopefully, before the deadline passes in a couple of months, we'll see some hopefuls from this side of the border, too.

We've talked before about the concept of Wayne pride. Officials are working at attracting attention at a local level, even though communities around us are facing larger improvements – casinos and shopping malls in Romulus, a proposed lifestyle center at Michigan Avenue and I-275 in Canton, a regional marketing plan designed around Westland Mall to the north, work under way in the school district to compete with other 'higher profile' districts. We're taking a few baby steps, too. It's time for us to have someone in Lansing that knows how important we were, and can be again.



Close to the Edge

by Scott Spielman

Westland...the place to be absent?

For years, I've objected to the Westland city motto, 'The Place To Be.'

The slogan has never seemed like a strong declarative. It always seemed unfinished, like there should be something more to it. It needs another word or phrase, something along the lines of Westland, "The Place To Be Joyful" or successful, or attacked by squirrels, or abducted by aliens.

However, I believe that recently I may have finally figured out what happened. It's only a theory, of course, but I believe that when city officials were searching for the perfect phrase to round out the slogan, they turned to the community for their input and to hear their views. Unfortunately, the residents didn't know about the meeting, didn't care about the matter, or figured someone else would offer a great suggestion so their attendance would be superfluous. No one showed up and frustrated city leaders just left the motto unfinished.

I had plenty of time to ponder the mystery of the city motto during the citizens' comments section of the first Westland Town Hall Meeting of 2006. The mayor, the directors of every department in the city, most of the city council, State Sen. Laura Tob, and a representative from Congressman Thaddeus McCotter's office were all there ready to talk about progress in the city, to answer questions from resi-

dents and to address any concerns they might have. Only two residents spoke.

As a life-long Westland resident, one thing I know for certain is that Westland residents have problems and concerns just like residents of every other community. Yet despite being constantly bombarded by family, friends, and neighbors who gripe about trashcans that are artfully stacked in front of their mailbox week after week or grumble about vacant buildings in their area or get upset by roads that flood constantly, not only did nobody speak up, nobody showed up.

Now, before I go any further, I want to make something clear: I do realize that some politically involved people can't make evening meetings. Perhaps they work or go to school in the afternoons, are afraid to drive after dark, couldn't find a ride, had a serious scheduling conflict, or are uncomfortable in crowds. To these people, thanks anyway and enjoy it on cable.

That said, I think that it is sad that in one of the largest cities in the state many, if not most, of the seats were empty. I'm left to wonder what happened. Did citizens simply not realize the meeting was tak-



Looking around

by Meghan Chatham

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Will third fire time be the charm?



King's Court
by Andrea King

I feel sorry for the students of Belleville High School. Once again, their hopes were raised and then shot down after a school bond issue failed again last week.

I'm not really shocked, just disappointed.

What I don't understand is why. What went wrong?

After taking a tour of the current high school, I was convinced it was time for a new one. The ceilings are covered with rotting asbestos tiles (which I'm sure can't be safe); in the main hallway, students are sharing lockers (which is not only cramped, but not always safe either) and the classrooms are way too small for many students to learn effectively. There is also a lack of technology, which, in a generation that is assumed to be computer savvy, it is hard to justify in the Belleville community.

That's not all I discovered,

either. I also saw an overflowing, outdated, poorly lit pool area and confined quarters in the gyms, labs and other areas throughout the high school. Those discoveries were only about an hour of the tour, I can't imagine what else I would have seen, given more time.

If it's not about being stingy and against improving education, than what is it?

OK, as a young adult in the workforce I can say, "Yep, times are tough."

I too feel the economic wrath and live on tight budget that is paycheck to paycheck. I pay my rent, car payment, health insurance, heat, gas, water, loan payment and other bills every month, so trust me, I can relate. I most certainly get it.

However, what I can't relate to is not spending the extra money for education.

When it came to my own edu-

cation, I did whatever it took to receive my degree, which meant federal and student loans. No one handed me money on a silver platter (as much as I wished for it.) And that's something I'm still paying for now, but my point is: it's worth it.

I heard one resident say there are three elements to a child's education: parents, educators and environment. How many does the Belleville area have?

Many people also brought up property values, but with dilapidated schools, who is going to want to send their children, let alone draw in new residents to the area. When younger families consider new homes the school district is always a major factor.

No, I don't live in the Belleville community and no I don't work for the schools, but I do see an obvious need.

The millage, if approved, would have cost homeowners on

average about \$30-40 a month for a 30-year period. I know that even I could have afforded that.

I know none of this is new information to anyone, but it just irks me to see the students—not the taxpayers—ultimately suffer in the end.

So now the big question remains: If and when will there be another school bond proposal?

When I asked school administrators, I wasn't told for sure, but I was told that the school district has a 6-month waiting period before they can propose another one.

Maybe the third time really is a charm.

Motto

FROM PAGE 4

ing place?

I don't mean this solely as a critique of Westland. As part of my job, I've attended public meetings of all kinds in communities throughout the area and in each and every one of them I've seen the same thing. The chairs stay predominantly empty until, one day, the (insert governing body here) makes a decision to which the public violently opposes. No matter why they are there, each time irate residents file into a public meeting room the message is always the same: we're speaking up to keep our community strong. Better late than never, I guess.

Wayne

FROM PAGE 4

Some people may say they provide a valuable service, so why include them in the ordinance?

The answer is simple: because they can and because they should.

City officials can't come out and say check cashing places and payday advance type businesses

are blighting influences that contribute to decreasing property values. The fewer we see in an area the happier we are, because that means there's more room for a shop or company that provides something that adds to the community rather than taking away from it.

Wayne may be dealing with a preponderance of vacant buildings, but it's not as bad as it has been in the past. Even if it were, it wouldn't be an excuse to simply

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THE SCENE

Film is well worth the trip

If there was a way to look up 'troubled cop' in a movie dictionary, you might find a picture of Bruce Willis next to it.

Willis portrays the reluctant hero better than most and he's true to form in *16 Blocks*.

Willis plays Det. Jack Mosely, a tired, rundown police officer who, at the beginning of the film, is just looking forward to the end of his shift.

That isn't destined to happen, though, because he's sequestered for one last job as he's walking out the door, a seemingly easy trip to escort prisoner Eddie Bunker (Mos Def) to the courthouse a mere 16 blocks away. Mosely has two hours to make the trip so that Bunker can testify and blow the lid off a group of corrupt New York City police officers.

Willis' experience with run-down police officers is a relatively long one. Most recently he starred in that role in *Sin City*. Here, though, his weakness is not his age or heart, but his addiction to alcohol.

Indeed, things start to go south for him and Bunker when he stops on the trip to buy some liquor.

He comes out of the store, bottles in hand, and instinctively shoots someone who is trying to get to his witness. The chase is on, sort of.

There's a lot to like about the film, which was written by Richard Wenk and directed by Richard Donner of *Lethal Weapon* fame.

Promoted as a thriller, it certainly is that. But it's not the kind of thriller that might be popular with today's explosion-guzzling audiences. It's essentially a long chase scene between Mosely, Bunker and the cops that want to stop them, but it is more than a collection of escalating danger and damage and improbable escapes.

There are breaks, as if the film was following Mosely's

pace. He's always tried, trying to get over a hangover and figure out his next step at the same time. He gradually returns to the sharp-witted officer he was in his prime and at the same time Bunker gradually learns that his best chance for survival is with this seemingly discarded man.

There are plenty of tense scenes between Mosely and his former partner, Frank Nugent, now a mid-level chief in the New York system and one of the officers that will be hurt by the testimony. Nugent is played with sinister perfection by David Morse, calm, rational and calculating even when his actions are irrational.

In the end, *16 Blocks* is a Bruce Willis movie, so the audience goes into it knowing everything will turn out in the end. The way it does, though, is more satisfying than a typical Hollywood ending.

Def, for his part, is a bit of a surprise, too. Sure his sidekick role is typical of most 'buddy' roles: he talks way too much and uses an irritating, high pitched tone to boot. But we gradually see there's a reason for it. He's not trying to be irritating and might not be in a normal situation. He's just scared, is all, and talks constantly because of it. It's a performance of unexpected nuances.

16 Blocks has all the elements of a traditional thriller, but it uses them better than most. It's certainly worth the trip.



Reviewed By
Scott Spielman
Editor

ULTRA VIOLET

Movie is hazardous to health

Every now and then a movie comes along that causes people to shake their heads.

Not because it's so good, but because it is so bad. Their disbelief originates in that something of its caliber made it through the Hollywood maze and onto the big screen.

UltraViolet is one of those films that should make people lose faith in Hollywood, and rightfully so.

During the last decade the art of filmmaking has greatly decreased, which is quite a conundrum because technology in the field has greatly improved. Now, the only films hitting the mainstream audiences are flashy computer generated garbage laden with optical-barfing special effects and acidic fast cuts.

Whatever happened to the good ole days of *The Godfather* and *Blade Runner*, when movies were created as an art medium rather than to please the ADHD MTV generation?

UltraViolet is just that—a mind-jarring live-action adaptation of an Anime graphic novel in need of a high dosage of Ritalin.

Don't tell Tom Cruise that; he might consider it "glim." Anyway, his upcoming *Mission Impossible 3* could garner the same reaction. But that's another review for another day.

There were no expectations, especially high ones, going into *UltraViolet*. That's what made it so bad—it exceeded even the worst of possibilities.

Writer-director Kurt Wimmer attempts to make it a sleek futuristic movie about a government-creat-

ed disease that leaks out to the normal populous, transforming humans when infected into faster, stronger hybrids known as Hemophiles. This new breed is apparently an off-shoot of the mythical Vampire race—complete with fangs—but lacking the blood sucking. However, that—like everything else in the film—is not explained, leaving more questions than answers at the end.

Those humans infected with the sense-enhancing disease are marked with an armband and forced to wear a mask, ostracizing them from the rest of mankind. However, there are groups of Hemophiles that refuse to be treated like outcasts. Naturally they form a rebellion. One of them is the ultra warrior Violet (Mia Jovovich).

Violet believes in her cause until she hijacks an object from Daxus (Nick Chinlund), the leader of the government group in charge of eradicating the Hemophile rebels. The package, however, contains a little boy named Six.

Six, played by Cameron Bright—the same creepy little boy that seduced Nicole Kidman in the movie *Birth*—is actually an ultra threat to Violet and her kind. He was created by Daxus to infect the Hemophiles with a form of protein antigens that would kill off the hybrid race. All of them.

Violet's fellow rebels want the boy dead. Daxus wants him back and everyone else dead. She doesn't want Six dead because she feels that whatever is in his blood could also cure the Hemophiles. So she steals him and everybody wants her dead. As you see, a lot of people want a lot of other people dead. See where this is going?

This wouldn't be an over-the-top sci-fi comic-book movie if it didn't have ridiculous technology and weapons.

Well, Violet has it all.

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Reviewed By
Jeff Novak
Staff Writer



Movie

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On top of being a proficient martial arts master, her hair and skimpy outfits are chameleon like and she has something called a gravity leveler that allows her to run on ceilings and ride her motorcycle up the sides of buildings, making for some pretty outrageous action scenes.

There is also flat-space technology that was created by ally Garth (William Fichtner). This allows Violet to carry an arsenal of guns and ammo—enough for a small army—in two Nicorette-like patch-

es on her wrists. At first I didn't know if she was trying to quit smoking or just trying to smoke the bad guys. She also has a sword that uses her body as a sheath? The technology is a little sketchy.

A lot of people die but surprisingly there is very little blood. At least Wimmer wasn't going for the gore effect.

The ending, which one would only hope could redeem the rest of the film's erroneous spectacles, falls just as flat. Pair it with an entire film infected with bad dialogue and poor acting and it is neither exciting nor good.

Anything containing the word ultraviolet has always been labeled unhealthy for us. So it goes for the movie, too.

Annual art auction planned

Scott Spielman
Editor

An event at the end of the month will allow people to get a good deal on some art and help the community at the same time.

The Wayne Rotary is sponsoring the annual art auction fundraiser, according to Rotarian John VanStipdonk. The funds from the event will go to improve Rotary Park 1, off Hunt Street on the west side of the city.

"That's what this whole thing is about," he said.

The event will start at 6:30 p.m. on March 24 at the Wayne Community Center with a preview of the auction items. The auction itself will start at 7:30 p.m. There will be a live art auction and a silent auction for a variety of items donated to the effort.

Tickets are \$10 and include hors d'oeuvres, dessert and coffee as well as a cash bar.

The silent auction items include sports tickets, sports memorabilia and baskets with assorted donated items, according to Rotarian Donna McEachern.

VanStipdonk said the event should be a good one.

"Our advance ticket sales are exceeding our past years ticket sales," he said. "Hopefully we'll get a lot of participation."

Rotary Club members began fundraising for the new playscape at Rotary Park with their art auction last year. That brought in more than \$10,000.

The Rotary Club and the Parks and Recreation Department are working together to bring the new structure to the park. The playscape will be installed in June through a community build designed to bring volunteers to the park to help in the effort.

VanStipdonk said the park is a nice one, but the equipment there needs to be updated.

"It's made of wood," he said. "We're concerned for the safety of the children. It doesn't meet current standards so we're pulling it out," he said.

Anyone is welcome to come to the art auction.

Tickets are available at the Wayne Community Center by calling (734) 721-7400 or through any Rotarian.

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Quilt show set at museum

The Belleville Area Museum will host "Patches and Patterns: a Celebration of Quilts" featuring a variety of antique and contemporary quilts now throughout March.

The quilt exhibit, sponsored by the Western Wayne County Quilt Guild, will showcase a variety of quilts on loan by area quilters, as well as antique family quilts contributed by area residents and members of the Belleville Historical Society.

A highlight of the exhibit is the Belleville Centennial Quilt, which was created last year by the Belleville Area

Council for the Arts to honor the City of Belleville's 100th anniversary. Each block on the quilt represents a notable event in Belleville history during the decades 1905-2005.

The quilts will be on display during regular museum hours: from noon to 4 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday.

Admission is \$1 for adults and \$.50 for children.

Some quilts will also be for sale. The museum is located at 405 Main St. in downtown Belleville.

For more information, contact the museum at (734) 697-1944.

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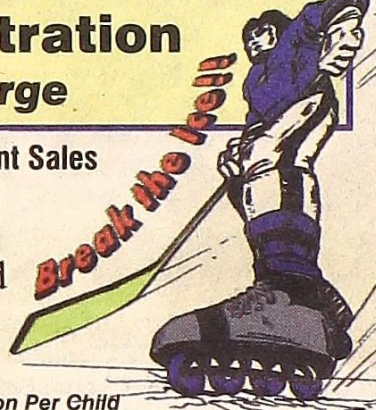
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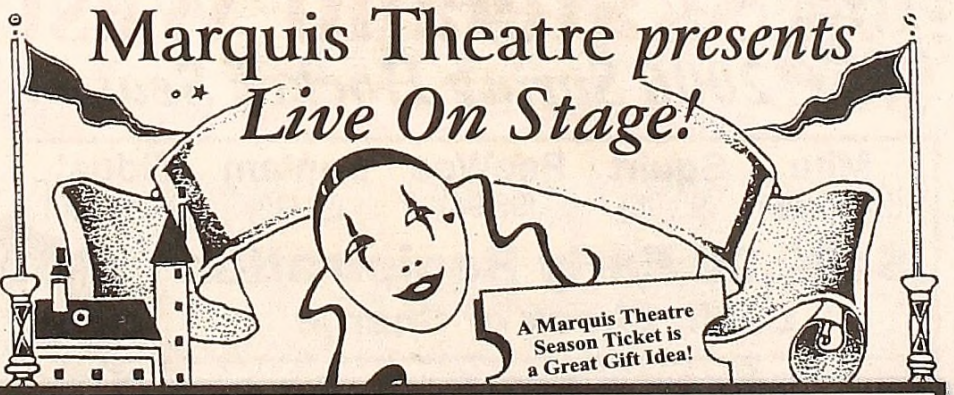
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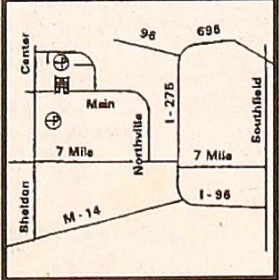
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Show offs

Local design company creates trade show displays

Scott Spielman
Editor

Tucked away beneath the Westland Shopping Center is a place where different worlds are created.

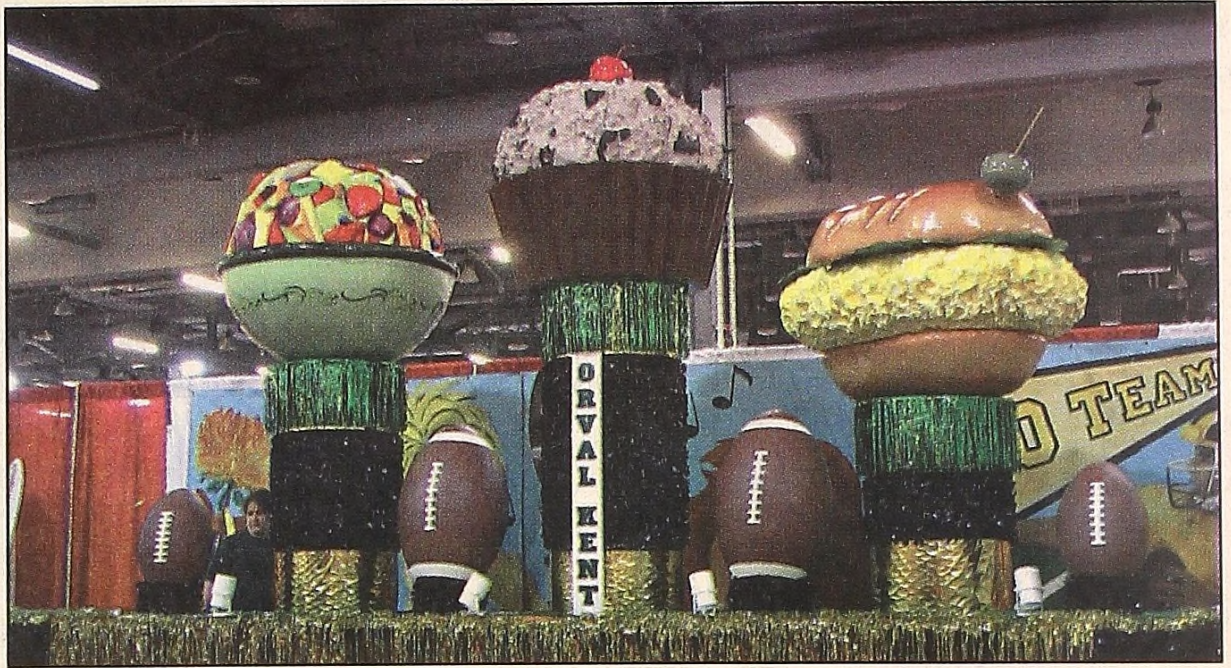
Streetscapes crowd against seascapes; it's possible to walk from the Leaning Tower of Pisa to Las Vegas, from Treasure Island to Hollywood – all in only a few seconds.

The dark, 30,000 square foot spot is where Laura Bishop and her crew at Bishop Design and Display put their heads together to create colorful, innovative backdrops for a variety of occasions.

"It's amazing what you can find in a basement," she said.

Indeed. Not too far from the 8-foot Oscar statue you can find a small copse of topless palm trees. (It's right next to the 'zombie graveyard' where a crowd of expressionless mannequins await their next assignment). If you take a stroll past Bourbon Street – there's 100 feet of it – step over a gondola and say 'excuse me' to a bronzed Olympic cyclist, you can find a 12-foot lighthouse, a virtual forest of Christmas trees and the Roma Café. On the way you'll pass a small gathering of witches, a couple of Santas and a gigantic donut.

"We have so much stuff down



Bishop Design and Display has won awards for their huge, intricate backdrops at corporate events and themed parties.

here, but it's all been used or it all will get used," Bishop said.

Bishop first found her way into her unique niche in early 1989. She was a freelance decorator then, working with companies to dress up their businesses in differing themes. Word started to spread, she said, and she gathered first one, then another large corporate account.

"It got to the point where I couldn't handle everything myself," she said.

One thing led to another and she soon found herself under the mall, where the business has prospered for more than a decade.

The company provides the atmosphere for large corporate events and other smaller events like weddings or themed parties.

Working for companies like Lipari Foods, they've created a fake Oscar celebration – complete with gigantic spools of film, statues and Holly glitz, a marketplace straight out of the Old West, with company executives featured in stylistic wanted posters, Mardi Gras and a sub oceanic showcase where patrons looked around them to find multicolored coral, plants and exotic sea life and looked above them to see the bottoms of docks and the hulls of boats. They also decorate the mall for the holidays every year.

Most of the displays start out as 4-foot by 8-foot backdrops that can be painted and molded into virtually anything. The larger ones take two to three months to create and about a day and a half to put together – not bad consid-

ering that Bishop employs only four or five full time employees and some seasonal part-timers. They're all very dedicated, she said.

"I guess I'm a pretty creative person, but I have to give the credit to my staff," she said. "Decorating has always been a hobby of mine.

"It's a real fun job," she added. "It's always something different. It changes literally every day."

Another year of trade shows and other events brings another year of challenges, though. And Bishop, whose firm has won awards for their designs, is not about to rest on her laurels.

"Every year we have to outdo ourselves," she said. "Every year we come up with something better."



Art director Pat Caruso, Laura Bishop and Wanda McDaniel said the firm can cater to almost any need.

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Obituaries

PECSENYE, Robert

Robert A. Pecsénye, 69, of Romulus, died Feb. 11.

Among his survivors are his son, Charles E. (Sheila) Pecsénye of Romulus and a brother, Edward (Norma) Pecsénye of Lincoln Park.

Mr. Pecsénye was a member of the Romulus Fire Department for more than 41 years. He was also a member of the American Legion in Wayne, the Boy Scouts in Lincoln Park and the Woodmen of the World organization.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus with the Rev. Geoffrey G. Drutchas of St. Paul United Church of Christ officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

MICHNIEWICZ, Eric

Eric R. Michniewicz, 21, of Belleville, died Feb. 19.

Among his survivors are his parents, Robert and Sandra J. (McCaig) Michniewicz of Belleville; half sisters, Tammy (Tom) Turner of Dearborn and Michelle Amrem of Ann Arbor; a niece, Sarah, and a nephew, Conor.

Mr. Michniewicz was a Class of 2000 graduate of Belleville High School where he was a member of the Marching Band. He earned his Associates Degree in 2005 from ITT Technical Institute.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with Father Alexander Wytrwal officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

DUGAN, Ruby

Ruby M. Dugan, 85, of Belleville, died Feb. 21.

Among her survivors are her son, Ray (Paulette) Dugan of Romulus; a daughter, Cathy J. Dugan of Arizona, and her grand-

daughters, Mary K. Webster and Shannon M. Hamby.

Mrs. Dugan was a former teacher who retired from the Romulus Community School District. She was a member of Tri Sigma sorority and the Romulus Literary Club.

Funeral services were at St. Stephen Catholic Church with Father Alexander Wytrwal officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Crane Funeral Home in Romulus.

JEFFERSON, Curtis

Curtis Jefferson, 64, of Romulus, died Jan. 13.

Among his survivors are his children, Lorenzo and Tamika, and grandchildren, Tamika, Antonique, Lorenzo II and Julius.

Mr. Jefferson served in the U.S. Navy and retired from the Ford Motor Co.

Funeral services were at the Penn Funeral Home with Apostle Lee Williams officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

HARRIS, Charlie

Charlie Lee Harris, 79, of Romulus, died Jan. 13.

Among his survivors are his children, Charlie Jr., Robert, Cynthia, Calvin, Antoine, and Katsie; his grandchildren, and his great-grandchildren.

Mr. Harris served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He retired from Ford Motor Co. after 30 years of service.

He was a Scottish Rites Mason and sang with the Sensational Trumpets.

Funeral services were at Romulus community Baptist Church with the Rev. Hiram McBurrows Jr. officiating.

Interment was at Romulus Cemetery.

Arrangements were entrusted to the

Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

JOHNSON, Henrietta

Henrietta Johnson, 94, of New Boston, died Jan. 12.

Among her survivors are her daughter, Charlotte; a son, Glen; a stepson, Walter Lee; 29 grandchildren, and 90 great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Johnson was a nurses' aide at Providence Hospital prior to her retirement.

Funeral services were at First Missionary Baptist Church of Belleville with the Rev. Elmer Scales officiating.

Interment was at Metropolitan Memorial Park in Belleville.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

SMITH, Lillian

Lillian Russel Smith, 73, of Romulus, died Jan. 3.

Among her survivors are her children, Byron, Severns, Robert, Harry, Paul, Vesta, Donna, Whitney, Lisa, Sandra and Shannon; 48 grandchildren, and 33 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at Greater Grace Temple of Taylor with Bishop Gary Harper officiating.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

HILLARD, Dolores

Dolores Hillard, 76, of Romulus died Feb. 26.

Among her survivors are her children, Dolores Karmar, Thomas R. Hillard, James W. (Pat) Hillard, Donald A. (Joanie) Hillard and Ronald A. Hillard; a brother, Robert (LaDonna) Burgos; 10 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Uht Funeral Home in Westland with the Rev.

Paul Engel officiating.

Interment was at Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock.

ROSSMAN, Arvena

Arvena Rossman, 77, of Belleville, died Feb. 24.

Among her survivors are her husband, Philip; her children, Deborah (Franklin) and Philip (Wendy) Rossman, and a granddaughter, Alicia Rose.

A memorial service was at St. John Episcopal Church with Father Arthur Mack officiating.

Cremation rites were accorded.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Uht Funeral Home in Westland.

HOLTON, Patsy

Patsy E. Holton, 75, of Romulus, died Feb. 26.

Among her survivors are her sons, Kenneth R. (Teresa) O'Connor and Jeffery L. (Carol) Holton, all of Inkster; daughters, Deborah J. (Keith) Vargo of Romulus and Suetta Holton of Superior Township; a brother, Jackie (Elizabeth) O'Conner of Tennessee; a sister, Ollie (James) Ray, also of Tennessee; 18 grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were at the Crane Funeral Home with the Rev. Frank Howard of the Living Rock Church officiating.

Interment was at Cherry Grove Cemetery in Clare.

FOSTER, Robert

Robert Lee Foster, 56, of Northville, died Dec. 26.

Funeral services were in Elko, GA. Interment was a Shilott Cemetery in Georgia.

Local arrangements were entrusted to the Penn Funeral Home in Inkster.

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Belleville library to present ‘Everyday Life in India’ program tonight

The Friends of the Fred C. Fischer Library in Belleville will host “Everyday Life in India” at 7 tonight at the library, located at 167 Fourth St. in Belleville.

The program will be presented by Pat Ryback, a longtime member of the Friends, who will share her recent visit to India.

Pictures of the daily routine of an average Hindu family will be shown, along with everyday events, family life, schools, shopping, transportation and ceremonies.

An Indian family who live in the area will answer questions on the Hindu culture. Authentic Indian snacks will also be served.

The Friends of the Library will host other upcoming events including the annual perennial plant swap from 1-3 p.m. on May 6 in the library garden, along with a used book sale from noon to 4 p.m. on May 6. Contributions of gently used books may be brought to the library.

The Friends ask that the used books are clean and in good condition. Encyclopedias, textbooks, Reader’s Digests and magazines are not acceptable.

For more information on any of the programs, contact the library at (734) 699-3291.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE ROMULUS CITY COUNCIL HELD FEBRUARY 14, 2006 IN THE ROMULUS CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER 11111 S. WAYNE ROAD, ROMULUS, MICHIGAN 48174.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman William Wadsworth.
Present: John Barden, Ellen Craig-Bragg, Leroy Burcroff, Harry Crout, William Wadsworth.
Excused: Mayor Pro Tem Randolph Gear.
Administrative Officials in Attendance:
Alan Lambert, Mayor
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
Pamela Morrison-Kersey, CMFA, Treasurer

1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

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2. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 6, 2006.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Grout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

3A. No Action Taken.

06-056

3B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with the request of First Industrial Realty, Inc. and schedule a Public Hearing on March 13, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174, for the purpose of hearing objections to vacating the following street and alleys in the Osberg’s Airport Estates Subdivision: all of Central Avenue from south of Hildebrandt to its southern terminus at Lots 104 and 123; vacating the east-west alley, south of Hildebrandt from Hyde Park to Loraine Avenue; the north-south alley on the west side of Central Avenue and the north-south alley on the east side of Central, from south of Hildebrandt to Lorman Avenue; and the north-south alley between Hyde Park and Central avenue from Lorman Avenue of its southern terminus at Lots 103 and 104.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-057

3C. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of the Planning Commission and the request of the petitioner, PC-2005-041, and introduce an ordinance to amend the official zoning map of the City of Romulus by rezoning a 7.37+- acre parcel on the south side of Eureka between Inkster and Middlebelt Roads from C-2, General Business District, to RI -B Single Family Residential District.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-058

4A1. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to adopt a memorial resolution for the family of Romulus Deputy Fire Chief Robert Pecenye, retired.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Bragg to accept the Chairperson’s Report.

06-059

5A. Motion by Barden, supported by Crout to schedule a Study Session to be held March 13, 2006 at 6:30 p.m. in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, located at 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174 for the purpose of discussing the guidelines and fees for usage of the Senior Center Facility.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-060

5B. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crova to concur with the administration and authorize the Mayor and Clerk to enter into an agreement to extend the terms of the Master Agreement for an additional four years for professional engineering services between the City of Romulus and Orchard Hiltz & McCliment first entered into on December 10, 2001. Agreement to expire on February 14, 2010, or at the pleasure of the Mayor, whichever is first.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-061

5C. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to introduce Budget Amendment 05/06-24:

FUND/DEPT. ACCOUNT NO.	ACCOUNT NAME	CURRENT BUDGET	AMENDMENT	AMENDED BUDGET
General Fund				
Revenue				
101-3510-512.54-42	Buffer Zone Protection Plan	0	22,195	22,195
Expenditure				
101-3510-735.73-42	Buffer Zone Protection Expense	0	22,195	22,195

To allocate funds for reimbursable grant from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-062

5D. Motion by Crova, supported by Crout to award Bid 05/06-21, two (2) Zero Radius Mowers to the lowest qualified bidder, Wayne Lawn and Garden in the amount of \$14,160.00

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-063

5E. Motion by Bragg, supported by Burcroff to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Technology Services Director, Sharon Raftary and extend Bid Award 04/05-22 for computers and computer maintenance to Infoview Systems, Inc., for a period of one year.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes -Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-064

5F. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to concur with the recommendation of Purchasing Coordinator, Lynn Conway and Department of Public Works Director, Carl Brooks and award Bid 05/06-23, four (4) Extended Cab 2WD Work Trucks to John Rogin GMC in the amount of \$67,000.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Abstain - Crova.
Motion Carried.

06-065

5G. Motion by Bragg, supported by Barden to concur with the recommendation of Department of Public Works Director, Carl Brooks and the City Engineering Firm Orchard Hiltz & McCliment, and adopt the 2006 Romulus Engineering Standards Manual and Detail Sheets.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-066

6A1. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to concur with the Advisory Appointment Committee and reappoint to the Cable Communication Commission Steven Mienkiewicz to a three (3) year term to expire 02-07-09, to appoint Jack Trumble to fill the vacancy left by the resignation of Mrs. Hay - term to expire 06-05-07; and appoint Stephen C. Harper II to the alternate position vacated by Jack Trumble - term to expire 02-07-08.

Roll call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

06-067

11. Motion by Burcroff, supported by Crout to authorize the City Treasurer to disburse funds of Warrant 06-03 in the grand total amount of Seven Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand, Four Hundred Seventy Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents (\$798,470.94).

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. Motion by Crova, supported by Barden to adjourn the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council.

Roll Call Vote Showing: Ayes - Barden, Bragg, Burcroff, Crout, Crova, Wadsworth.
Nays - None.
Motion Carried Unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda R. Choate, CMC, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

I, Linda R. Choate, Clerk for the City of Romulus, Michigan do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Romulus City Council held February 14, 2006.

Linda R.Choate, Clerk
City of Romulus, Michigan

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SPORTS

Mustangs fall short against Shamrocks

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The seemingly undefeatable Northville Mustangs' unforgettable Cinderella season came to a close Monday night.

Unfortunately, it wasn't a fairytale ending, either.

Northville was down by a point with 8.4 seconds left when Detroit Catholic Central missed the front end of its third straight one-and-one free throw attempt.

Campy Smith retrieved the rebound and fed the ball up to Alvin Storrs, who lobbed it up from 10 feet out at the buzzer. The ball bounced off the rim three times, hit the backboard and then the rim again before rolling around it and falling to the wayside. The Shamrocks won the game, 56-55.

It was devastation for a team that has had the bounces go their way the entire season.

"I thought that shot was going in," Storrs said. "We had a good season but it was tough because we lost our first district game. People predicted that and I hate when they're right about things like that. It's just really hard."

Storrs' last-second shot last Wednesday lifted the Mustangs over Walled Lake Central to win the Western Lakes tournament, a victory that matched the school's all-time undefeated record of 20-0.

On Monday, before a packed Novi gymnasium, Northville showed the rancorous Central

fans what they were made of.

Northville first suffered through a tough first quarter where they trailed 17-5 at the end of it. They bounced back in the second, closing the gap to two, 27-25, when Storrs split two defenders under the rim for a lay-up. Then senior Doug Hasse hit a deuce to knot the game at 27. The Shamrocks closed out the period with the last four points to take a 31-27 lead into the locker room.

Both teams started the second half conservatively. Neither team scored until Northville's Bret Spencer hit two from the charity stripe at 4:57. Smith hit a triple at 3:22 then Chris Lorente followed shortly after with a basket, giving Northville its only lead of the game, 34-33.

Catholic Central finished off the third with a 10-0 run to go back on top, 43-34.

Northville trailed by as many as 11 in the final quarter but, like they did all season, the Mustangs dug in and fought their hearts out. It wasn't until senior Nick Kaldis drained back-to-back triples to bring Northville to within one point, setting the stage for the drama to follow.

"I had a referee standing in front of me when Storrs took the shot but I think a hair either way and it would have went in," said Northville Coach Darrel Schumacher. "It was a good shot."

"You look at the gym and think what an exciting time and place to be," he added. "We had

two spectacular opportunities but you don't go 20-0 without a lot of luck, without a lot of different people contributing in a lot of different ways. Catholic Central is a great team and we gave it everything that we had."

Storrs led Northville with 22 and Lorente added 14.

Garrett Senczysyn scored 16 and Antyrio Raimer 15 for Catholic Central.

Northville's performance followed on the heels of a nail biter of a Western Lakes Championship game against a tough Walled Lake Central team last Wednesday.

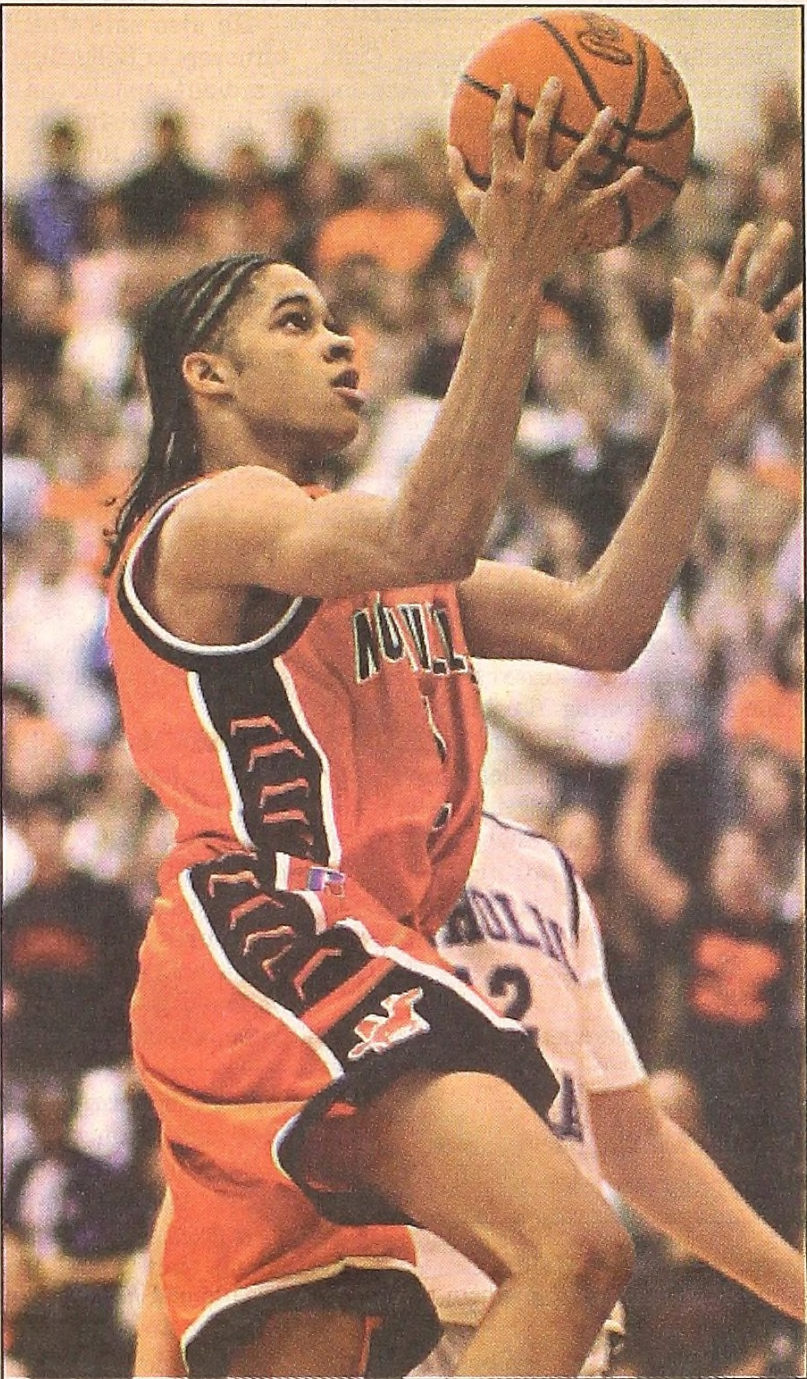
It was everything a championship game should be.

There was a packed house filled with excitement and seat-gripping tension at Plymouth High School where Northville took on Walled Lake Central for the Western Lakes Activities Association (WLAA) basketball tournament championship on Wednesday night.

From the tip-off to Storrs' game winning lay-up with 2.3 seconds left in overtime that lifted the Mustangs over the Vikings, 68-66, it was a game that will surely find its place in the history books as one of the best.

It was easy going for the Mustangs through the first three periods of play. They dominated the first quarter. Senior forward Chris Lorente hit the team's first seven points of the period and

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Northville's Alvin Storrs takes a shot against Catholic Central in the opening round of the District play on Monday night. He led the team with 24 points but his final shot at the buzzer danced around the rim before falling to the side. Catholic Central won, 56-55. Photo by Lynn Kirkpatrick



Well balanced

The Canton Lady Chiefs gymnasts finished second in a Region 2 meet hosted by the school last Saturday. The team finished behind Livonia with a 145.275. The Lady Chiefs will compete at the state team meet at 4 p.m. on Friday at Troy Athens. Canton also had six individual gymnasts qualify for the individuals state meet this Saturday, also at Troy Athens. Division 1 competitors include Alyssa Kelley, Kara Ahern (team captain) above, Kate Staley and Jessie Murray. Kaitlyn Burns and Chelsea Selden will compete in Division 2. Division 2 is scheduled for noon with Division 1 following at 3:30 pm. The Chiefs also won the Western Division Championships earlier this season. Canton, set a new team record (147.1) at the Conference Championship meet two weeks ago where Kelley tied the school record on vault with a 9.65. Photo by Loretta O'Flynn

Canton trounces Novi in district opener

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

The Canton Chiefs made district week look easy on Monday night when they defeated host team Novi, 69-34.

They led by as many as 40 points in the fourth quarter, which allowed Canton Coach Charlie Paye rotate in all his players.

"This is obviously the best that we've shot all year," he said. "I think Dre (Andre Bridges) only missed two shots, Rob (Eppler) was 8 for 11 and Steve (Paye) and Waid (Ryan Waidmann) only missed a couple of shots. When you shoot like that it opens things up. It wasn't that easy, believe me."

Novi managed to keep it close through the first quarter. Canton started with an 8-0 run that included two triples from all-conference selection Andre Bridges.

The two teams traded baskets the rest of the way. Rob Eppler drained three to put Canton up, 15-11, but Novi's Adam Chandler hit a double, making it a 15-13 game at the end of one.

The second proved to be fatal for Novi. The Chiefs' defense held the Wildcats to three points while their offense scored 16 for

a hefty 31-16 half-time lead.

Junior Eric Zech put the Chiefs up by 22 in the third period. In the final minutes of the third, Ryan Waidmann hit consecutive lay-ups that started Canton on a 12-0 run to finish out the session, 58-26. Bridges scored six of those points.

Canton's bench came in half way through the fourth when the team was up, 66-26. Players like Caleb Lerner (2) and Devarone Jackson (3) made contributing baskets in the final minutes. The outcome was a 69-34 victory for the Chiefs.

Before the Novi match-up Canton sputtered to a 56-45 loss to Stevenson in last Wednesday's Western Lakes playoff consolation game at Plymouth High School.

"We were just lethargic," said Coach Paye. "We didn't seem real into it and we didn't shoot the ball real well."

Both sides missed several easy shots throughout the game but it was the first quarter that set the pace. Stevenson, not with any ease, took a 12-9 lead at the end of the first frame.

Canton looked like they were going to make a comeback in the second when senior forward Andy Larsen hit the team's first five points to knot the game at 14.

Stevenson, however, finished the first half on a 5-2 run to take a 16-19 lead into the break.

Canton's junior center Ryan Waidmann put the Chiefs on top, 21-20, with back-to-back baskets. Stevenson countered with an eight-point run, led by junior guard Luke Knochel's consecutive triples. At the end of the third, Stevenson amassed a 35-23 lead.

Canton tried to come back again, opening the fourth with an 11-2 run. That brought them to within three, 37-34, but that would be the closest they would come. The Spartans outscored Canton 19-11 the rest of the way for the win.

Senior forward Andre Bridges scored 15 for Canton. Waidmann added 13 and Larsen finished with six.

Knochel led Stevenson with 18.

It was the first time that Canton had scored less than 10 points in three quarters this season.

"It was a tough game," Paye said. "I think the kids felt it was a meaningless game and had a difficult time getting into it. Hopefully, that doesn't carry over to districts because they know now that if they lose, they're done."

Belleville tops Rouge, wins Red.

Jeff Novak
Staff Writer

Romulus' senior forward Tommie Clark returned home to Belleville last week and led his Eagles to a 62-50 victory against the Tigers

Clark had spent three years at Belleville before he transferred to Romulus in order to play ball there this season. Although Belleville kept tabs on him in the teams' first meeting this season that Bellville won 52-49 back in January, Clark proved he could still play in his old gym.

He led the Eagles with 19 points and 17 rebounds in last Tuesday's contest.

It didn't start out as the normal Belleville-Romulus match-up. Both teams started off slow. It took Romulus nearly half of the first quarter to score their first field goal. However, the Eagles led, 10-5, heading into the second frame.

The Eagles really turned things around in the second, scoring 26 points and taking a hefty 10-point lead at the half.

Romulus managed that lead through the rest of the game, as Belleville never came closer than seven in the final period of play.

"Romulus just out-hustled, our-scrapped and out-ran us," said Belleville Coach Mike Krogel. "It wasn't a 12-point game. It was more like a five or six-point game.

"They out-rebounded us something like

36-20," he added. "We didn't get many in. They just out played us."

He also said that Romulus had 22 turnovers to Belleville's 12, but the Tigers just didn't capitalize on them.

Belleville righted itself with a 65-61 victory over river Rouge on Friday.

The win secured the Tigers sole ownership of the Mega Red league championship—their sixth straight title.

Rouge snuck away with a one-point lead, 13-12, after the first period of play.

Belleville reversed the outcome in the second, outscoring the Panthers, 15-14, to knot the game at 27.

The Tigers were down 24-17 with about two minutes left in the half when Carlos Clark, Caral Dial and Mike Gibson all scored to equalize the half.

River Rouge didn't give in. The Panthers attacked right back and scored the first seven points of the third. They carried a five-point lead going into the final session.

Belleville got going in the fourth. Marius Williams hit seven of his 10 in the fourth and Clark hit seven of his 16 in the final eight minutes.

Belleville outscored River Rouge 21-12 in the final, which was enough for the win.

"We just had to get it done defensively in the fourth," Krogel said. "Marius and Carlos both got hot for us offensively and we finally got some stops on defense. As a group, we shut them down on offense."

triple at the buzzer that gave Northville a 53-46 lead heading into the final period.

Something happened in the fourth, though. Either the Northville squad lost their groove or Central found theirs. The Vikings started the fourth with a 12-3 run that lasted for more than half of the fourth frame.

Central knotted the game at 56 with a field goal by Mitchell.

The teams traded baskets, but it was Northville's Bret Spencer's deuce that knotted the game at 60 and set the stage for overtime.

With 19 seconds left in overtime, Central's Aaron Hakola tied it up, 66-66. Northville called timeout with 9.6 seconds left to set up the final shot. Storrs drove the lane and laid up the game-winner.

Storrs finished the night with a career-high 34 points.

Mustangs

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senior guard Nick Kaldis capped off a nine-point run with a deuce that put Northville up, 20-12.

The 'Stangs rode the momentum into the second, scoring the first five points with a triple by Smith and a double from Storrs. Kaldis nailed a triple at the 2:56 mark to put Northville up by 10, 33-23. Then Lorente drained a three-pointer followed by a three-point play from Storrs, which was good for a 12-point lead, 39-27, at the end of the half.

Central gnawed at the lead in the third. Viking Ryan Easton converted a three-point play that narrowed the gap to five, 46-41. Lorente knocked down another

CITY OF ROMULUS NOXIOUS WEED NOTICE TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF ROMULUS

In accordance with P.A. 359 of 1941, as amended and Chapter 19, Article 3, of the Romulus Code of Ordinances it shall be the duty of all owners of lands on which noxious weeds are found growing, to destroy the same before they reach a seed bearing stage and to prevent such weeds from becoming a detriment to public health.

If any such owner, agent or occupant of such land shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds or cause them to be destroyed, it shall be the duty of the Noxious Weed Commissioner to enter upon such land and destroy such noxious weeds.

Nothing in this notice shall apply to weeds in fields devoted to growing any small grain crop such as wheat, oats, barley or rye.

All weeds not cut by May 1, 2006 will be cut by the City and the owner of the property will be charged with the cost. Subsequent violations will result in additional cuttings and will be done as often as necessary when vegetation reaches 12 inches in height and/or seed bearing stage.

Any expense incurred in such destruction shall be paid by the owner or owners of such land, and the city shall have a lien against such land for such expense. Any owner who shall refuse to destroy such noxious weeds shall also be subject to a fine of not more than \$100.00 per cutting in the discretion of the court.

All refuse and debris on the given owners property will be removed by the City at the owners' expense.

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ROMULUS HOUSING COMMISSION INVITATION FOR BID

The Romulus Housing Commission will receive bids until March 20, 2006 in the office of the Commission, 34200 Beverly Road Romulus, Michigan to provide lawn maintenance service for 101 dwelling units of public housing and the housing commissions administration office. All properties are located in the City of Romulus, Michigan. Bid documents can be obtained during regular business hours at the Housing Commission office, Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m and 4:00 p.m. For more information please call area code (734) 729-5389.

Romulus Housing Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

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CITY OF ROMULUS REQUEST TO RECEIVE BIDS BID 05/06-33

BUILDING INTERIOR REMODEL, 11189 SHOOK ROAD

The City of Romulus, Michigan is seeking bids from qualified vendors for the above item/items.

(1) Qualified individuals and firms wishing to submit bids must do so on forms provided by the City. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained from the City of Romulus Web Site, www.romulusgov.com

(2) Bids must be received by the City Clerk's Office no later than 2:00pm, TUESDAY, March 21, 2006. At which time said bids are to be publicly opened and read.

BID ENVELOPES MUST BE ADDRESSED:

CITY OF ROMULUS CLERK'S OFFICE
BID 05/06-33 - BUILDING INTERIOR REMODEL, 11189 SHOOK ROAD
11111 Wayne Road,
Romulus, Michigan

(3) The right is reserved to reject all bids and proposals and to waive technicalities.

(4) For additional information contact Lynn A, Conway, City of Romulus Purchasing Coordinator, by calling (734) 955-4568 or by emailing Iconway@ci.romulus.mi.us

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CITY OF ROMULUS NOTICE 2006 BOARD OF REVIEW

To the taxpayers of the City of Romulus: The Board of Review will meet in the Romulus City Hall, (Lower Level) Community Room, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174 on the following dates and times by **APPOINTMENT ONLY** for the purpose of reviewing the assessment roll.

Meeting dates are as follows:

Residential	
March 13, 2006:	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
March 14, 2006:	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. & 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Commercial/Industrial	
March 15, 2006:	9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. & 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tentative ratios and estimated multipliers are as follows:

Classification	Ratio	Multiplier
Commercial	50%	1.0000
Industrial	50%	1.0000
Residential	50%	1.0000
Developmental	50%	1.0000
Personal	50%	1.0000

Review is by appointment only

Residents and Non-Residents alike may appeal by (1) making an appointment to appear before the Board OR (2) in writing (personal appearance is not required). The Board of Review MUST receive all written appeals no later than March 15, 2006 at 2:00 p.m.

Property owners may appoint and authorize a representative to appear on their behalf. All Representatives or Agents MUST submit (current) proof of authorization to act on behalf of the property owner as a prerequisite to appeal to the Board of Review.

To schedule an appointment, please call the City of Romulus, Department of Assessment at (734) 942-7520 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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March 9, 2006

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111. Out of State Property
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115. Autos for Sale
116. Antique & Classic Cars
117. Trucks & Vans for Sale
118. Freebies
119. Auto Repairs
120. Motorcycles
121. Autos Wanted

1. Obituaries



ATTWOOD, Eleanor Fair, 89, of Bonita Springs, Florida died peacefully on February 28, 2006. She was born in Easton, Pennsylvania on November 8, 1916. Her father was a Presbyterian minister, and her mother sang in the choir. She graduated from Rider College with a B.A. in English and accepted a job at IBM in Wilmington, Delaware where she excelled as an executive secretary. While there, she met Jim, her husband of 60 years. After World War II, they moved to Wayne, Michigan where they raised three boys. Fair and her husband were very active in the First Congregational Church of Wayne and many community groups. After Jim's retirement from Unistrut Corporation, they moved to Bonita Springs, Florida where she was his loving and caring companion. Her unrelenting optimism and personal sacrifice enable Jim to battle the debilitating effects of Parkinson's disease for 22 years. Because of her efforts, he experienced a quality of life that is rarely possible for someone with such an affliction. Through the difficult times, Fair provided her husband and family with spiritual strength, courage, and determination to overcome adversity and ensure a bright tomorrow. She also was the spark which ignited joy in those around her and made the good times much better. Fair was a wonderful mother, a friend to many, and an inspiration to those who knew her. he will be remembered as an extraordinary individual. Fair is now reunited with her husband, Jim. She is survived by four grandchildren; Kira, John, Brandon and Mark, and her three sons; Joe (Judy) of Minnetonka, Minnesota, Mark (BJ) of Richmond, Virginia, and Paul (Kandra) of Bonita Springs, Florida who consider themselves

very fortunate to have had such a wonderful mother. A memorial service celebrating her life will be held Friday, March 10, 2006 at 11:00 AM at the First Congregational Church of Wayne. A luncheon for family and friends will immediately follow the service. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the First Congregational Church of Wayne or the Free Clinic of Goochland, 1800 Sandy Hook Rd., Suite 120, PO Box 898, Goochland, VA 23063 in her memory. Arrangements were entrusted to Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Tr. South, Bonita Springs, FL 34134

BEAUCHAMP, Robert Lee Jr., age 58 of Tustin, died March 1, 2006 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, MI. Mr. Beauchamp was born April 25, 1947 in Bound Brook, New Jersey, the son of Robert Lee and Virginia S. (Spurgess) Beauchamp. He married Leah Hammar on April 19, 1990 in Toledo, Ohio. Mr. Beauchamp graduated from Michigan State University in 1969. He received his Masters Degree from Eastern Michigan and a Specialist Degree from Wayne State. He taught in the Romulus, MI school system for 30 years, retiring in 2004, when he moved to Tustin, MI. Mr. Beauchamp is survived by his wife, Leah Beauchamp of Tustin, MI., his children; Jason R. (Anne) Beauchamp of Westland, Mi. and Robert L. Beauchamp of Westland, MI., step-children; Steve (Amy) Bagwell of Gibraltar, MI. and Dennis (Jodi) Bagwell of Dearborn, MI., brother; Richard Adam (Marie) Beauchamp of Southfield, MI., and step-grandchildren; Aleesha, Jessica and Travis Bagwell. The funeral service was held March 4, 2006 at Augustana Lutheran Church, Tustin, MI, and was officiated by the Reverend Paul Hammar. Arrangements entrusted to Peterson Funeral Home, Cadillac, MI. Memorial contributions may be made to The Kidney Foundation (envelopes available at The Peterson Funeral Home.

PATRIAS, Lillian S., age 79, of Romulus, died February 28, 2006. Beloved wife of Clements. Dear mother of Mary Ann (Tom) Michniewicz, Jeanne Foust, Linda Patrias, Michael Patrias, Stephen (Delaine) Patrias and Frances (Daniel) Wicker II. Loving grandmother of 12 and great-grandmother of 9. She is also survived by 3 brothers, Ralph, John and Paul Nelson and 3 sisters, Opal Monroe, Tommie Bennette and Willie Sadler. She was preceded in death by parents, 2 sisters and 1 brother. Lillian was an avid reader, active member of The Friends of the Romulus Public Library and a Charter member of The Romulus Historical Society. She will be greatly missed. Mass was Saturday, at St. Aloysius Catholic Church Romulus. Visitation was Thursday, 6:00-9:00 PM and Friday, 12:00-9:00 PM with a 7:00 PM Rosary at Michigan Memorial Funeral Home (next to Michigan memorial Park) 30895 Huron River Dr., Huron Twp. (734)783-2646. Interment in Michigan Memorial Park. Contributions to be made to The friends of the Romulus Public Library.

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30. Help Wanted

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59. Auctions

Notice is hereby given that on 3/22/06 at 1:00PM the following will be sold by competitive bidding at:

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Westland, MI

Unit #H-2D
Richard Stewart
4 Hshld. Furnishings
3 Misc. hshld. goods
8 Misc. boxes/bags
2 Recreation equip.
5 Other Misc. items

Unit #F-27
Kevin Conrady
1 Washer, 1 Dryer
1 Misc sm. appliance
11 Hshld. furnishings
1 TV, 1 Power tool
6 Misc. hshld. goods
6 Other misc. items

Unit #F-5
David Graciak
1 Hand tool
3 Other misc. items
6 Vending machines

Unit #F-26
Cheryl Miller
2 Misc. sm. appliances
10 Hshld. furnishings
4 Misc. hshld. goods
50 Misc. boxes/bags
3 Hand tools
5 Recreation equip.
5 Other misc. items

Unit #M-36
Reggie Simmons
4 Hshld. furnishings
7 Misc. boxes/bags
1 Power tool
3 Hand tools
5 Clothing
3 Recreation equip.
4 Other misc. items

Unit #G-8
Sharon Justin
10 Hshld. furnishings
16 Misc. boxes/bags
1 Exercise equip.
4 Other misc. items

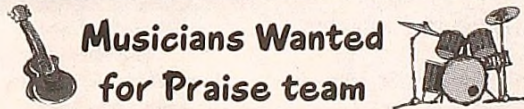
Unit #J-12
Lonique Steele
1 Washer, 3 Clothing
4 Hshld. furnishings
7 Misc. boxes/bags
2 Other misc. items

Unit #G-13
Jason Seibel
3 Hshld. furnishings
2 Other misc. items

Unit #J-24
Priscilla Crawford
1 Misc. sm. appliance
11 Hshld. furnishings
3 Misc. hshld. goods
28 Misc. boxes/bags
1 Office equipment
5 Other misc. items
6 Toys

Unit #N-1G
Ronald Fox Jr.
3 Hshld. furnishings
30 Misc. boxes/bags
1 Power tools
2 Recreation equip.
10 Other misc. items

30. Help Wanted



New Beginnings Church is looking for Christian musicians to assist us in leading worship at our Sunday morning services. We are located in Wayne, Michigan. We are particularly looking for a keyboard player, drummer, bass and guitar players, but if you have another musical gift you are eager to use for God's glory, we'd like to talk to you! We offer a friendly and warm atmosphere for Christians to showcase their God-given talents. This is not a paid gig. Christian musicians should also be aware that the format is a live worship service on Sunday mornings. If you are interested or would like to schedule an audition, please E-mail us at Praiseteam@newbc.org or call us at (734)722-5210

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20 Clothing
2 Office equipment
10 Other misc. items

Unit #D-25
Ian Cowen
1 Stove, 4 Hand tools
3 Misc. sm. appliances
9 Hshld. furnishings
30 Misc. boxes/bags
1 Office equipment
4 Exercise equipment
12 Other misc. items

Unit #N-1B
Allyson Hardy
1 TV, 24 Misc. boxes/bags
5 Other misc. items

CITY OF WESTLAND NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On MARCH 14, 2006 the Westland Police Department will conduct public auctions of impounded abandoned vehicles. The auction will begin promptly at 11:00am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Rd., Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

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StWgn Blue
1P4GH54RMX653307

1994 Ford Escort
2 Dr Blue
1FARP11J4RW297175

1993 Pontiac Grand Am
4 Dr White
1G2NE54NXP563476

1991 Ford Escort
StWgn White
3FAPP15J6MR162924

1987 Ford Aerostar
Minivan Maroon/Gray
1FMCA11U5HZA97099

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4 Dr Brown
1G1BN69Z0FH122472

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2 Dr Silver
1FABP62F2JH209323

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4 Dr Tan
2MEBM75F2JX709016

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2 Dr White
2G1WN14T3L9198274

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1MELM50U6SG619115

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4 Dr Gray
1N4AB41D1WC717253

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2 Dr Red
1B3ES22CXTD683794

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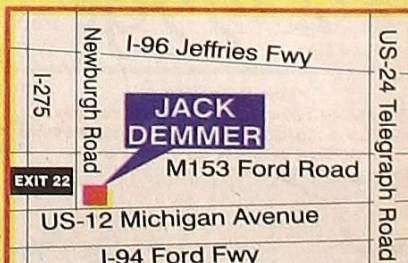
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